

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Canceled)

9. (New) A method for cutting and fastening a section of tissue, comprising:
moving a first jaw relative to a second jaw from an open position to a closed position to secure the section of tissue between the first jaw and the second jaw;
maintaining a parallel relationship between the first jaw and the second jaw between the open position and the closed position;
alerting an operator after the section of tissue is secured in the moving step; and
selectively driving a blade to cut the tissue and to drive a linear array of fasteners through the section of tissue, the blade and fasteners driven independently of the moving step and after the alerting step.
10. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the first jaw is moved in the moving step in accordance with rotation of at least one rotatable shaft.
11. (New) The method according to claim 10, wherein the first jaw moving step includes the substep of rotating the at least one rotatable shaft by activating at least one motor.
12. (New) The method according to claim 9, wherein the first jaw is moved in the moving step in accordance with rotation of a first rotatable shaft, and the blade is driven in the driving step in accordance with rotation of a second rotatable shaft.
13. (New) The method according to claim 12, wherein the first jaw moving step includes the substep of rotating the first rotatable shaft by a motor arrangement, and the blade driving step includes the substep of rotating the second rotatable shaft by the motor arrangement.

14. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the first rotatable shaft is rotated in the first rotatable shaft rotating step by a first motor of the motor arrangement.

15. (New) The method according to claim 13, wherein the second rotatable shaft is rotated in the second rotatable shaft rotating step by a second motor of the motor arrangement.

16. (New) The method according to claim 14, wherein the second rotatable shaft is rotated in the second rotatable shaft rotating step by a second motor of the motor arrangement.

17. (New) A fastening and cutting attachment for use with an electromechanical driver device for cutting and fastening a section of tissue, comprising:

- a first jaw having a longitudinal axis;

- a second jaw disposed in parallel and opposed correspondence with the first jaw;

- a first rotatable shaft rotatable about a longitudinal axis arranged in parallel to the longitudinal axis of the first jaw, the first rotatable shaft coupled to the first jaw and adapted to cause the first jaw to travel linearly in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axes while maintaining the parallel correspondence between the first and second jaws; and

- a tray of fasteners disposed in one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

18. (New) The fastening and cutting attachment according to claim 17, wherein the tray is selectively removable from the one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

19. (New) The fastening and cutting attachment according to claim 17, wherein the tray is selectively replaceable.

20. (New) A fastening and cutting device for cutting and fastening a section of tissue, comprising:

- a first jaw having a longitudinal axis;

a second jaw disposed in parallel and opposed correspondence with the first jaw;

a first rotatable shaft rotatable about a longitudinal axis arranged in parallel to the longitudinal axis of the first jaw, the first rotatable shaft coupled to the first jaw and adapted to cause the first jaw to travel linearly in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal axes while maintaining the parallel correspondence between the first and second jaws;

a cutter and stapler disposed within the second jaw and adapted to cut and fasten the section of tissue disposed between the first and second jaws when the first and second jaws are in a closed position;

a second rotatable shaft rotatable about a longitudinal axis arranged in parallel to the longitudinal axis of the first jaw and the longitudinal axis of the first rotatable shaft, the second rotatable shaft adapted to cause the cutter and stapler to travel linearly in a direction parallel to the longitudinal axes; and

a tray of fasteners disposed in one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

21. (New) The fastening and cutting device according to claim 20, wherein the tray is selectively removable from the one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

22. (New) The fastening and cutting device according to claim 20, wherein the tray is selectively replaceable.

23. (New) A fastening and cutting device for cutting and fastening a section of tissue, comprising:

a first jaw;

a second jaw disposed in parallel and opposed correspondence with the first jaw;

a first driver coupled to the first jaw, the first driver including a first horizontal rotatable shaft adapted to cause the first jaw to linearly travel along an axis perpendicular to the parallel correspondence of the first and second jaws, the first horizontal rotatable shaft being rotatable about a longitudinal axis arranged in parallel to the parallel correspondence of the first and second jaws, the first jaw separating from

the second jaw when the first horizontal rotatable shaft is rotated in a first direction to open the jaws, the first jaw closing toward the second jaw when the first horizontal rotatable shaft is rotated in a second direction opposite to the first direction to close the jaws;

a cutter and linear stapler device disposed in one of the first jaw and the second jaw, the cutter and linear stapler device coupled to a second driver, the cutter and linear stapler device being adapted to cut and staple a section of tissue disposed between the first and second jaws once the first jaw has been closed toward the second jaw, the cutter and linear stapler device including a tray of staples disposed in one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

24. (New) The fastening and cutting device according to claim 23, wherein the tray is selectively removable from the one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

25. (New) The fastening and cutting device according to claim 23, wherein the tray is selectively replaceable.

26. (New) A fastening and cutting attachment for use with an electromechanical driver device for cutting and fastening a section of tissue, comprising:

a first jaw;

a second jaw disposed in parallel and opposed correspondence with the first jaw;

a first driver coupled to the first jaw, the first driver being actionably coupleable to the electromechanical driver device, the first driver including a first horizontal rotatable shaft adapted to cause the first jaw to linearly travel along an axis perpendicular to the parallel correspondence of the first and second jaws, the first horizontal rotatable shaft being rotatable about a longitudinal axis arranged in parallel to the parallel correspondence of the first and second jaws, the first jaw separating from the second jaw when the first horizontal rotatable shaft is rotated in a first direction to open the jaws, the first jaw closing toward the second jaw when the first horizontal rotatable shaft is rotated in a second direction opposite to the first direction to close the jaws; and

a tray of fasteners disposed in one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

27. (New) The fastening and cutting device according to claim 26, wherein the tray is selectively removable from the one of the first jaw and the second jaw.

28. (New) The fastening and cutting device according to claim 26, wherein the tray is selectively replaceable.